(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government for the regular supply of cotton to these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The mills of National Textile Corporation in Rajasthan require 140 bales per day which are adequately covered.

Salaries and other facilities to judges in Supreme Court and other Courts

2843. SHRI DILEEP BHAI SANGHANI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the salaries and other facilities of the judges of the Supreme Court and other *courts; and*

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). The pursuance of proposals asponsored by the Chief Justice of India, the Government has issued orders enhancing the Daily Allowance payable on tour and enhancement in the limits for free furnishings in the case of judges of the High Courts and Supreme Court and enhancement in the ceilings for electricity and water charges at the official residence and postretiral benefits in the case of judges of the Supreme Court. As regards the question of enhancement in the pay scales of the Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, the Conference of Chief Justices in their meeting held during 30th August to 1st September, 91 passed a Resolution proposing such an enhancement. No decision has yet been taken on this suggestion.

[*English*]

Changes in Shipping Policy

2844. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make changes in the shipping policy to encourage the Indian Shipping Companies; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The salient features may include relaxation in licensing to Indian Shipping Companies to operate on selected liner routes; *Grant of freedom of Shipowners for sale of* ships and for application of sale proceeds, after meeting outstanding foreign exchange *liabilities, for acquiring new* ships; encouragement to *medium* sized shipyards to export fishing trawlers and smaller scrafts; promotion of ship building; liberalisation of procedures for acquisition of vessels; encouragement to cross border leasing of vessels; grant of permission to shipowners to mortgage ships abroad to raise foreign exchange resources etc.

Working Group on Credit Requirements of Industries in Punjab

2845. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has constituted a high level working group to

look into the credit requirements of industries in Punjab;

(b) if so, whether the panel has submitted any recommendations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). The Reserve bank of India (RBI) had constituted a Working Group consisting of representatives of Reserve Bank of India, commercial banks, Industrial Development Bank of India, Small Industries Development Bank of India, Government of Punjab and Government of India to consider what more could be done to help the industry in Punjab in addition to the existing concessions allowed by the RBI. The Working Group has completed its deliberations and is likely to submit its Report to the RBI shortly for consideration and issue of appropriate guidelines to the banks.

[*Translation*]

Utilisation of amount collected through Indira Vikas Patra

2846. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount collected through Indira Vikas Patras during the last two years; and

(b) the purposes for which this amount has been utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The total amount collected through Indira Vikas Patras during 1989–90 and 1990–91 were Rs. 5153 crores.

(b) The net collections through Indira Vikas Patra, alongwith the collections under other small savings schemes, are utilised for giving long–term loans to State Governments.

[*English*]

Acquisition of Land for Defence Purposes

2847. *SHRI SHANKARRAO KALE: Will* the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether while acquiring the land for Defence purposes, the Union Government pays only acquisition charges;

(b) whether the Government of Maharashtra has approached the Union Government with a proposal that in addition to the acquisition charges, the rehabilitation provision must be made and unless such provision is made, the proposed land will not be *handed over for acquisition; and*

(c) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c). A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

In determining the amount of compensation payable for lands acquired by Government under the Land Acquisition Act, 1984, the following factors are taken into account:–

(i) The market value of the land on the date of publication of the notice under Section 4(1) of the Act.